

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1734
Appl. No. 10/783,114
Arndt, dated July 24, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 24, 2006
Attorney Docket No. 1217-040374

Amendments to the Specification:

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 77 with the following rewritten Abstract. A clean copy of the Abstract is attached hereto.

— ~~It is an object to provide an~~ An apparatus and method for inspecting a film carrier tape for mounting electronic component, in which film carrier tapes for mounting electronic component provided with a plurality of electronic component mounting portions in multiple stripes strips in a transverse direction are exactly used and which can be inspected ~~at a time~~ simultaneously, so that ~~an~~ inspection efficiency can be greatly enhanced ~~very greatly, and furthermore,~~ Furthermore, the film carrier tapes for mounting electronic component are separated into individual stripes strips after ~~the~~ inspection and can be taken upon up on individual reels without a winding shift. A film carrier tape for mounting electronic component in multiple stripes, strips which are unwound from an unwinding device, is cut into individual film carrier tapes for mounting electronic component in stripes strips by a slit device, ~~they are then~~ caused to run in parallel with each other and ~~are~~ simultaneously inspected in an inspecting section, ~~and then, then~~ they are simultaneously taken upon up on a plurality of take-up reels attached to an identical take-up shaft of a take-up device in parallel with each other, respectively. —

Please replace the specification currently on file with the substitute specification attached hereto. A marked-up copy of the specification accompanies this Amendment, setting forth the changes made.